

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-10, 12-22 and 24-34 to read as follows:

1 1. (Amended) A hearing device with at least one acoustical to electrical
2 converter, at least one electrical to mechanical converter, at least one signal processing
3 unit and with an electrical power supply unit, wherein said electrical power supply unit
4 and said electrical to mechanical converter are incorporated within a first module, said
5 acoustical to electrical converter and said signal processing unit are incorporated in a
6 second module and wherein said first and said second modules are assembled in a
7 disassemblable manner.

1 2. (Amended) The hearing device of claim 1, wherein said electrical power
2 supply unit and said electrical to mechanical converter are unremovably integrated in said
3 first module, said first module being as a whole an exchange part.

1 3. (Amended) The hearing device according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein said
2 first module comprises an On/Off control arrangement for said hearing device.

1 4. (Amended) The hearing device of claim 1, wherein said second module
2 comprises a control unit for said signal processing unit.

1 5. (Amended) The hearing device according to, claim 1, wherein said hearing aid
2 device is one of an In-The-Ear hearing aid device and of an Outside-The-Ear hearing aid
3 device.

1 6. (Amended) The hearing device of claim 1, wherein said power supply unit is
2 one of a non-rechargeable battery arrangement and of a rechargeable accumulator
3 arrangement.

1 7. (Amended) The hearing device of claim 1, wherein said power supply unit at
2 said first module is exchangeable at said first module.

1 8. (Amended) The hearing device of claim 1, wherein said first and second
2 modules are assemblable and disassemblable by means of one of a bayonet-type
3 interconnection, a screwing interconnection, and a snap interconnection.

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1 9. (Amended) A hearing device according to claim 1, further comprising a code
2 unit in said first module and a code-reader and decoding unit in said second module, the
3 output of said code-reader and decoder unit being operationally connected to at least one
4 control input of an electronic unit within said second module.

1 10. (Amended) The hearing device according to claim 1, further comprising an
2 electronic unit within said first module, said electronic unit for said electrical supply unit
3 and said electrical to mechanical converter within said first module.

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1 12. (Amended) The set according to claim 11, wherein at least one first module
2 of a hearing device of said set has an electrical power supply unit and an electrical to
3 mechanical converter, which are unremovably integrated in said first module, said
4 respective first module being integrally an exchange part.

1 13. (Amended) The set according to claim 11 or claim 12, wherein a first module
2 of at least one of said hearing devices forming said set has an On/Off control arrangement
3 for said respective hearing device.

1 14. (Amended) The set according to claim 11, wherein at least one second
2 module of said hearing devices belonging to said set has a control arrangement for
3 externally controlling said signal processing unit.

1 15. (Amended) The set according to claim 11, wherein said hearing devices
2 forming said set are one of In-The-Ear hearing aid devices and Outside-The-Ear hearing
3 aid devices.

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1 16. (Amended) The set according claim 11, wherein at least one of said first
2 modules of said hearing devices comprises a power supply unit, which is a rechargeable
3 accumulator.

1 17. (Amended) The set according to claim 11, wherein at least one of said first
2 modules comprises a power supply unit, which is at least one battery.

1 18. (Amended) The set according to claim 11, wherein at least one of said first
2 modules has a power supply unit, which is exchangeable from said first module.

1 19. (Amended) The set according to claim 11, said first modules having a code

2 unit with a code, said codes of said first modules being different, said second modules
3 having a code reader and decoder unit for reading and decoding said code of said first
4 modules, the output of said code reader and decoding unit being operationally connected
5 to at least one adjusting input of an electronic unit within said second module.

1 20. (Amended) The set according to claim 11, further comprising an electronic
2 unit respectively within said first modules and wherein said electronic units of said first
3 modules are different.

1 21. (Amended) A method for manufacturing a hearing device, comprising
2 • assembling an electrical power supply unit and an electrical to mechanical
3 converter to a first module;
4 • assembling an acoustical to electrical converter and a signal processing unit to a
5 second module;
6 • assembling said first and second module to substantially form said hearing device
7 in a manner said modules may be disassembled without destroying at least said second
8 module.

1 22. (Amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of
2 unremovably integrating said electrical power supply unit and said electrical to
3 mechanical converter into said first module as an integrally formed exchange part of said
4 hearing device.

1 24. (Amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of

2 integrating in said second module a control unit for externally controlling said signal
3 processing unit.

1 25. (Amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of
2 manufacturing a hearing aid device being one of an In-The-Ear hearing device and of an
3 Outside-The-Ear hearing device.

1 26. (Amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of
2 assembling into said first module one of at least one un rechargeable battery and of a
3 rechargeable accumulator as said power supply unit.

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1 27. (Amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of providing
2 said power supply unit in said first module so as to be exchangeable therein.

1 28. (Amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of
2 assembling to said first module at least one electronic unit.

1 29. (Amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising providing at said first
2 module a code and providing at said second module a code reader and decoder unit,
3 thereby operationally connecting an output of said reader and decoder unit to at least one
4 adjusting input in said second module.

1 30. (Amended) A method for upgrading an existing hearing device for when
2 individual needs have changed, comprising exchanging at said hearing device a first

3 module, which comprises an electrical power supply and an electrical to mechanical
4 converter of said hearing device, and maintaining a second module comprising a signal
5 processing unit and an acoustical to electrical converter.

1 31. (Amended) The method of claim 30, wherein said hearing device is one of
2 an In-The-Ear hearing device and of an Outside-The-Ear hearing device.

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1 32. (Amended) The method of claim 30 or claim 31, further comprising the step
2 of exchanging said electrical power supply by exchanging said first module.

1 33. (Amended) The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of providing
2 in said first module at least one electronic unit.

1 34. (Amended) The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of
2 recognizing at said second module said first module exchanged and controlling signal
3 processing at said second module by the result of said recognizing.
